

Statewide Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils

Executive Board

BYLAWS AS OF JULY 2019

Name

The name of this organization shall be “The Executive Board of the Statewide Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils” (SCPRC, Executive Board, and E-Board).

Mission Statement

As members of the SCPRC Executive Board we are committed to be the VOICES and represent all of our fellow nursing home residents in the issues that are important to them. We will advocate at the State and Federal levels for quality of care for Connecticut’s skilled nursing residents and former residents who have transitioned to the community. We strive to be credible and informed advocates as we work with the Office of the State Ombudsman and develop and support legislation and public policy initiatives for the individuals we represent.

Purpose

The purpose of the Executive Board is to serve as a vehicle for the Statewide Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils to exercise their rights and protect their interests in matters affecting all residents of CT’s skilled nursing facilities and those nursing home residents who have transitioned to community living. The Executive Board members will serve on a variety of statewide public policy and advocacy groups, including representation on the Long Term Care Advisory Council. The Executive Board serves in an advisory role to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman. The Executive Board will present ideas for and assist with the content of the Annual VOICES Forum. The Executive Board will provide suggestions for the annual Carol Rosenwald “Spirit of Advocacy” award and Brian Capshaw “Rockstar” Award.

Membership

For the Board: There will be a maximum of nine Presidents of Resident Councils – three from each of the three Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) regions of the state, and up to three former nursing home residents who have transitioned to community-based living serving on the Executive Board.

For the Committees: Committee members may be ex-officio board members or recommended either by the resident council president, E-Board and/or LTCOP.

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Administration

All members of the Executive Board shall serve in equal fashion with equal voting privileges and decision-making. If there is a need for a tie to be broken, the President will be provided with two votes. The board will review the mission statement and voting procedures/protocols annually. The Board will revisit its role at least annually to ensure that it is meeting by-law responsibilities. A Board satisfaction survey will be conducted annually. New Board members will be provided orientation. There exist four administrative roles, which will be voted on annually, 1) President; 2) Vice President; 3) Executive Administrator; 4) Public Relations

Special Committees

The Executive Board may appoint other special committees as needed within their membership and may choose to invite other residents to join such special committees as needed or desired. The three special committees are: 1) legislative, regulatory and public policy; 2) outreach and public relations; 3) best practices and Silver Panther newsletter

Amendments

The Executive Board may amend any part of these by-laws with a majority vote of the members present at a meeting of the Executive Board.

Appointment and Terms of Office

The State Ombudsman and/or the Regional Ombudsman will make recommendations of appointments and will also consider those individuals who may volunteer for appointment to the Executive Board. The term of office will be determined by the member's willingness to continue serving on the Executive Board and be limited to three two-year terms. A member may opt at the end of those three terms to continue as an emeritus member for two additional years with voting privileges. Emeritus members may also serve on Board special committees. If for personal reasons a member chooses to take a leave of absence or resigns his or her position for any reason, that request will be honored without question by the Executive Board and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. In the event of such vacancy, the State and/or Regional Ombudsman will recommend a Resident Council President from the same general geographic region or, in the case of a resignation of an individual in the community another former nursing home resident who has transitioned to community living, to fill the vacant position. If an E-Board member has 3 unexcused absences from monthly E-Board calls or meetings the Board can vote to relinquish E-Board membership of that person. If an E-Board member no longer serves as the Resident Council President at his or her nursing home then they will no longer be able to serve on the E-Board, but can opt to become an Emeritus member and serve on one of the special committees. The Office of the State Ombudsman will be responsible for record-keeping and appointment terms of office.

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